

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, January 10, 2013

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Roger stated that he reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Sue moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, D. Rice, G. Harrison, R. Huth, Z. Wilson

Old Business

Mike brought up for discussion the township rental rates. Roger feels they need to be bumped up due to increased costs and budget cuts. Mike agrees. Roger commented the rates are still the lowest around, even with a small increase. Mike suggested investigating alternative uses and make one motion to cover it all. Roger agrees. Sue asked about the township service groups. Mike and Roger both feel they all do so much for the township and should not be part of the discussion.

Sue reported on Portage Preparedness. The Portage County website has a wealth of information. They would like to link all the townships. Portage Preparedness would like to do weather and disaster alerts without tying up phone lines by using the website. Sue really likes the ideas and the way to do things without costing us money. Portage Preparedness is planning to attend the next PCTA meeting. Sue reminded everyone about the meeting on Monday at Waterloo School to discuss the finances. Sue commented that if the state Board of Education comes in they will look at the surrounding school districts tax rate and will tax us at that rate, which may increase our rates without our vote. Sue stated that we have a really good superintendent who works well with the townships. Everyone needs to understand what will happen if the levy does not pass. Doug asked who will make presentation. Roger stated that Janet Esposito, Sen. John Eklund, Rep. Kathleen Clyde, a representative from the state of Board of Education, and the superintendent from Springfield Schools are scheduled to attend.

New Business

Mike, Sue, and Roger have nothing at this time

Mary commented that she has been working diligently to convert the UAN system. There were a few glitches, but she hopes to have them worked out by the next meeting. Mary stated that she had a conversation with Bill Steiner. The Solid Waste Policy Committee decided to wait until the new commissioner was in office to proceed with the update. Bill stated that the policy update has a little time to be ratified. He suggested that the trustees rescind the original resolution. Roger moved to rescind the Solid Waste Policy Update resolution based on the new information presented. Mike seconded. Discussion: Mike wonders what will change. Roger doesn't know. Sue commented that no one wants the rate to go up. Roger stated that we will make a decision with the most up to date information when it is presented. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary received a request from the Portage County Board of Elections to use the SC/CC for 2013 election as needed. Mike moved to allow the request. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary stated that she placed the December bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the December bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary stated that she has been working on the permanent budget and appropriations. She requested a motion to submit our first amendment and to make permanent appropriations in the amount of \$1,296,482.93 Roger so moved. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary reminded the trustees that the library agreement expires June 30, 2013. Roger will bring up at the next meeting for formal discussion.

Mary requested a motion appropriate receipts 234, 235, AND 1 - 3 totaling \$5,585.94 and pay warrants 34053 – 34081 and EFTs 1 – 6 totaling \$24,964.82. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the Road Department report. Larry reported on the delivery of the new truck, salt delivery, preparing the old truck for delivery to Waterloo, building maintenance and tree removal. There will be a meeting with the County Engineer and ODOT on Friday morning to discuss a proposal from ODOT to have the township take over the maintenance of McCoy Road and the drive that the sewer plant is located on across from Sunoco. Roger and Mike are not in favor of taking over either of these roads. Larry suggested that the trustees draft a proposal for the old truck to be sold to Waterloo Local School District. Larry presented a quote from Mueller Tree Service for the removal of trees on Eberly and Luli Roads. Mike suggested that he and Larry do a review of all the trees in the township and send it out for bid for a larger number of trees. He will have the information ready for the next meeting to receive bids in February. Doug asked what the township does with the wood. Larry stated that if the home owner does not want it it is donated to the Lions Club. Larry included the 2012 year-end report. Larry presented information to replace the grasshopper mower. There was discussion about the various engines. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Dan presented the Administrative Assistant report. No zoning permits were issued. Dan presented the trustees with a hall rental schedule for their review. The Children's Storytime program requested a small plot for a garden to go with their theme this year. Dan will get more details and keep the township updated. Dan has been in contact with Ohio Edison representative. Ohio Edison no longer provides drops for holiday lighting. Dan received a crime report from the Sheriff's Office. It will be on the web site with a direct link to the Portage County Sheriff's office. Mike spoke about the letter from Chris Meduri regarding the Lovejoy issue. Mike stated that the trustees can come up a solution and hold a public meeting and move forward. The case is nothing new. Dan wants justice for both sides. The case is five years old and needs to be addressed. Roger's understanding is that Chris Meduri will file a permanent injunction which will force the court to make a decision. Roger suggested that we let Chris file the paperwork and if court does not make a decision by March 1 the trustees will take care of it. Mike agrees but feels the court will not handle in our time frame. Mike feels the trustees need to decide what a good resolution would be for this issue. The court schedules are so full that they will not hear it. Dan stated that the courts do not want to deal with zoning as they want the local officials to take care of it. Mike would like to contact Chris to see what the court docket schedules. Mike feels if it is too far down the road we will handle it sooner. Sue stated that it was discussed at the zoning meeting. Dan does not want it to cause problems with other people. Mike feels we can address it on this case only. Roger stated that the letter from Chris which allows us to do it. Mike feels we should pursue it and get it off our docket. Roger asked if Dan should contact Chris to move forward with an injunction and decide at the next meeting on a time limit. Mike stated that by the inaction it is pretty clear what will happen. Dan will get information from Chris. Sue commented that the Zoning Boards see both sides of the issue. The Zoning Board commented on a date for grandfathering in or get new grandfather dates. Mike agrees. Mike asked Dan, as zoning inspector, what his thoughts are. Dan does not feel it will be easy to come to an agreement as it has gotten bigger. He stated that it needs to be dealt with so as to prevent future issues.

Public Comment

Rick commented how good the community looked at Christmas. He feels it is the best since he lived here. Rick asked about the grandfather clause. Sue stated that it was brought up at the zoning meeting. Mike suggested that we let the prosecutor handle it or have a public hearing with some solutions. Rick thinks someone will give it a second thought about moving here with issues with schools and zoning. Mike feels many schools are, or will be, in the same boat. Sue stated that the state needs to find another way to fund the schools.

Gary stated the CC worked out wonderfully for the Food Shelf for the packing of the baskets and the SC for the quarterly meetings. It works well for everyone. Roger, speaking for Mike and Sue also, stated that their service is invaluable to the community and will not jeopardize the use of the buildings. Any one of us could be in that situation.

Zac asked about his mother's electric bill which is extremely high. He asked if a natural spring runs through since the pumps are running constantly. Mike stated some areas are in lowlands and that is one area. Sue asked what the average bill is. Zac thought it was \$300. Roger suggested contacting Ohio Edison to check it out.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Roger/Thodt
Mary A. Rodenbuscher